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Re: FAR Case 2001-014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a 'responsible contractor' eligible to receive a federal contract.

A company's record of complying with the law should be an important factor in making government contracting decisions. Companies with track records of discriminating against women, people of color, people with disabilities or others in violation of our civil rights laws should *not* be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts. Instead, those contracts *should* go to responsible, law-abiding companies that respect their obligations under the law.

I urge the FAR Council *not* to repeal the contractor responsibility rules and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

Sincerely Yours,

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